

In the Claims

No amendments have been made to the pending claims. The pending claims are listed below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Previously Presented) A chassis, comprising:
 - a) four identical elongated members including two frontward elongated members and two rearward elongated members, each of the elongated member including:
 - i) a first end and a second opposite end; and
 - ii) first and second retaining structures;
 - b) a first cover having edges inserted within the first retaining structure of one frontward elongated member and one rearward elongated member;
 - c) a second cover positioned opposite the first cover, the second cover having edges inserted within the first retaining structure of the other frontward elongated member and the other rearward elongated member;
 - d) a back plane inserted within the second retaining structure of the rearward elongated members;
 - e) end covers secured to the first and second ends of each of the elongated members; and
 - f) a front opening sized to receive modules.
2. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the back plane inserted within the second retaining structure of the rearward elongated members is generally perpendicular to the first and second covers.
3. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the edges of each of the first and second covers include a flange portion, the flange portion being inserted within the first retaining structure of the respective two elongated members.
4. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the end covers include mounting brackets for mounting the chassis to a rack.

5. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the first and second covers include ventilation apertures for ventilating an interior region of the chassis.
6. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the first cover, the second cover, the back plane, and the end covers define an interior, the interior including a number of compartments, each compartment being sized to receive one module.
7. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 6, wherein each of the compartments includes at least one guide structure that guides the one module into the compartment.
8. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, further including a cable organizer positioned adjacent to the back of the chassis.
9. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the end covers include an end cover portion and extensions located along opposite edges of the end cover portion, the extensions including an extension edge arranged to position the elongated member in a position relative to the end cover portion.
10. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the end covers are secured to the elongated members by fasteners that engage holes formed in the ends of the elongated members.
11. (Original) The chassis of claim 10, wherein the fasteners are self-tapping fasteners.
12. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the elongated members are extrusions that define the first and second retaining structures.
13. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the elongated members have a uniform cross-section.

14. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the first and second retaining structures are slots extending from the first end to the second end of each of the elongated members.

15. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 14, wherein each of the elongated members further includes a hole extending from the first end to the second end, the hole being sized to receive fasteners for securing the end covers to each of the first and second ends of the elongated member.

16. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the second retaining structure of at least one of the frontward elongated members retains each module received in the front opening within an interior of the chassis.

17. (Previously Presented) A chassis, comprising:

a) a plurality of identical elongated members, the plurality including a first pair of elongated members and a second pair of elongated members, each of the identical elongated members having first and second ends;

b) a top plate captured by the first pair of elongated members and an opposite bottom plate captured by the second pair of elongated members;

c) first and second opposite side plates, the first side plate being fastened to the first ends of each of the elongated members, and the second side plate being fastened to the second ends of each of the elongated members;

d) a back plane captured by one elongated member of the first pair of elongated members and another elongated member of the second pair of elongated members; and

e) a front opening sized to receive modules.

18. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 17, wherein the back plane is defined by a printed circuit board.

19. (Original) The chassis of claim 17, wherein each of the top and bottom plates includes a flange located along edges of the respective plate, the flange being inserted within a slot formed in the each of the elongated members.
20. (Original) The chassis of claim 17, wherein the side plates include extensions located along opposite edges of each of the side plates, the extensions including an extension edge arranged to position the elongated member in a position relative to the side plate.
21. (Original) The chassis of claim 17, wherein the elongated members are aluminum extrusions.
22. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 17, wherein each of the elongated members includes a first slot and a second slot, each of the slots extending from the first end to the second end of each of the elongated members, the top and bottom plates being captured within the first slots of the first and second pairs of elongated members.
23. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 22, wherein each of the elongated members further includes a hole extending from the first end to the second end, the hole being sized to receive fasteners for fastening the side plates to each of the first and second ends of the elongated member.
24. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 22, wherein the second slot of at least one of the elongated members retains each module received in the front opening within an interior of the chassis.
25. (Previously Presented) The chassis of claim 22, wherein the back plane is captured within the second slots of the one elongated member of the first pair of elongated members and the another elongated member of the second pair of elongated members.

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